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## CATALOGUE OF CHOICE

# STRAWBERRY PLANTS

\*—GROWN AND FOR SALE BY—\*

H. H. BENNING,  
CLYDE, NEW YORK.

:-1918:-

No. 1216.

State of New York, Department  
of Agriculture.

Certificate of Inspection of  
NURSERY STOCK.

This is to Certify that the stock in the Nursery of H. H. BENNING, of CLYDE, County of Wayne, State of New York, was duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Section 305 of the Agricultural Laws, and was found to be apparently free from any contagious or infectious disease or diseases, or the San Jose scale or other dangerously injurious insect pest or pests. This certificate expires September 1, 1918.

Dated, Albany, N. Y., September 6, 1917.

CHARLES S. WILSON,  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

# GENERAL REMARKS

## Please Read Before Ordering

We are pleased to announce to our customers that we have this season a fair supply of strong, vigorous plants, which we are offering at as low a price as good plants can be grown.

The cost of growing and marketing plants, all the way from postage to the price of labor, has very largely increased and for this reason we are compelled to make some advance in the price of plants for 1918.

All orders will be filled with fresh dug plants of our own growing, and we are confident we can please you should we receive your order, either large or small.

We would advise growers to send in their orders early. Plants weigh less and live better when dug and shipped early—while dormant. Early orders can also usually be filled without substituting.

We take extra care to have our plants true to name, but in case any should prove otherwise, we will not be responsible for more than the amount paid us for the same.

Every order is promptly acknowledged by card. One and three cent stamps taken for orders less than one dollar. If of one variety, six at dozen rates; fifty at hundred, and five hundred at thousand rates. A discount of five per cent. will be allowed on all orders of \$15.00 or more.

Varieties marked (P) have pistillate blossoms, and will not fruit unless planted near some varieties having perfect blossoms, which are marked (S), but when so planted are, as a rule, the best yielders.

All questions relating to Strawberries promptly and cheerfully answered. Also, criticism, favorable or otherwise, will be thankfully received.

We shall do our best to serve and please you, and endeavor to ship your plants as near the date you want them as possible. But, if they do not reach you at just that time, please remember that the shipping season is short, and that many others are waiting for their plants at the same time. Also, at this season we have more or less rainy days, and sometimes a whole week of wet weather. This severely interferes with our shipping plans. Also, we must depend for our work on hired help, and sometimes they fail to appear when we need them.

Claims, if any, must be made on receipt of plants. We cannot be responsible for stock that is allowed to lie around your express office, or for neglect of purchaser to care for stock after it is received.

## Cash Must Accompany All Orders

REFERENCES.--Briggs National Bank, or Express Agent  
of Clyde, New York.

# Description of Varieties

✓ **August Luther.**—A good early Strawberry. It is prolific, and comes early and retains its size fairly well. A good shipper.

✓ **Aroma.**—A late variety. Firm and good shipper. Medium size and good quality. Does best on rich soil.

✓ **Bederwood.**—A grand medium early berry, of good size and immensely productive. Light color and long season. Has a long blooming period, making it an excellent pollinizer.

✓ **Big Joe.**—We fruited this variety for the first time last season and it is highly recommended by others who have tested it, and we have great faith in it. We shall try it again the coming season, and would advise our friends to do the same.

✓ **Bubach.**—This is probably one of the most popular berries in the country. Makes a moderate number of strong, stocky plants. Berries are large, showy and of good flavor. You make no mistake when you plant **Bubachs**.

✓ **Brandywine.**—Season medium late. The berries are large, heart-shape, firm flesh and medium red color. Have a rich spicy flavor. A valued variety. A good canner.

✓ **Chesapeake.**—Large, stocky plants, producing a fair crop of large, smooth, glossy berries. A very popular late variety.

✓ **Climax.**—Plants are strong and vigorous, with but little rust. A large, medium early berry. A good pollinizer, and adapted to a wide range of territory.

✓ **Clyde.**—One of the most productive berries grown, but requires plenty of moisture to mature its big load of berries. Light color; good shape; medium large.

✓ **Crescent.**—This is an old variety, and still retains its strong, vigorous habits, and is very productive of medium size, bright red berries.

✓ **Corsican.**—Large and uniform in shape. Color, bright red. Healthy and vigorous foliage. A medium late, firm berry.

✓ **Charles I.**—This is a comparatively new early berry which we have grown and closely observed for the last three seasons and without the least exaggeration we can say that in point of size, productiveness and length of season it is ahead of any early berry we have ever grown. It ripens only a day or two after Michel's Early, and is a large, round, well shaped berry, light red color and fairly firm. Plants are large, vigorous with a perfect blossom.

In the spring of 1915 we set a bed on dry early ground and the following year we continued to pick, for four full weeks, for market, a heavy crop of large berries, and this in spite of the fact that we had no rain after the first week.

As a further test to see what the same bed would do another year we left it without doing a stroke of work to it--just let them run wild--and the past season we again picked a heavy crop of good sized berries. The berries being nearly as large and the season nearly as long as the previous year.

Reports of its behavior from friends in surrounding counties correspond with that of our own. If you want large, well flavored berries and lots of them this is the berry.

✓ **Early Ozark.**—This is a fine early variety of recent introduction. The plants are large, strong and healthy and very productive. The fruit is large and firm, and promises to become one of the leading commercial sorts.

✓ **Gandy.**—The standard late berry all over the country. Does best on moist soil. Medium large.

✓ **Glen Mary.**—Large, handsome and of fine flavor. Very vigorous and productive. Many place this variety at the head of the list. Makes just enough plants to make a good stand.

✓ **Haverland.**—Exceedingly productive. Fruit large. One of the most popular and well tested varieties. A good sure berry for main crop. One of our favorites.

✓ **Heritage.**—A very promising new berry. Large and deep-rooted plant. Berry large, dark and fine flavor. Begins to ripen in mid-season and continues to give plenty of good-sized berries until late. Another favorite with us.

✓ **Helen Davis.**—This is another new early berry, which is very highly recommended by those who have grown it. It has large, strong plants and produces heavy fruit stem. The fruit is medium large, has a rich, dark color and good flavor.

✓ **Jessie.**—A very large, fine flavored berry for home use. Many use it for fertilizing Bubach. An old standard variety, and very popular.

✓ **Klondike.**—A very large, firm berry, and very popular with shippers. Grown largely in the South for shipment to Northern markets.

✓ **Marshall.**—A large fancy berry, especially for the Eastern portion of the United States. One of the richest Strawberries grown. Foliage large and beautiful. Well adapted to hill culture.

✓ **Michel's Early.**—One of the very earliest berries grown; medium size, light color and fine flavor. Last pickings rather small.

✓ **Myrtle Murrell.**—This is a new early strawberry originated by Mr. S. S. Murrell, of Marian, Md., who makes great claims for it, but a disappointment to us.

✓ **New York.**—This is a valuable variety for the home garden or home market. A luxuriant grower, and free from diseases. Berries are large, with an agreeable flavor and extend through a long season.

✓ **Nick Ohmer.**—A strong, perfect-blossom variety, and productive of large, dark, glossy berries. Responds to good culture.

✓ **Parson's Beauty.**—This variety produces great yields of medium sized, bright red berries, of a delicious mild flavor. Well suited to cold latitudes.

✓ **Pocomoke.**—Very productive and adapted to all soils. Withstands dry, hot weather. Berry large, firm and great yielder; good flavor; good shipper. One of the best of the newer varieties.

✓ **President.**—Both plants and berries are extremely large. A strictly fancy berry. Makes only a limited number of plants.

✓ **Prolific.**—This variety originated at the Geneva (N. Y.) Experiment Station and said to be a cross of the Sample and Marshall. Plants numerous, vigorous and unusually productive. Fruit very large to above medium, retains size well as season advances; flesh firm. This variety gives promise of taking front rank among standard commercial Strawberries.

✓ **Ridgway.**—Plants are large, with strong, vigorous roots, and produce a large crop of fruit. Will not do well on dry land, but on fairly moist or low land the berries are large. Late and of fine flavor.

✓ **Ryckman.**—This variety bears a good crop of large sized and good flavored berries. A good variety where it is not desirable to set out a new bed each year, as it can be cropped continuously for several seasons.

✓ **Sample.**—This is a beautiful berry, and one of the largest and most brolific. Bright red, uniform size, and has a smooth, glossy appearance. A very good market berry, and popular over a large section of the United States.

✓ **Senator Dunlap.**—One of the best standard sorts, and deservedly popular. Resembles Warfield in color and canning qualities. Bloom rich in pollen. Medium early.

✓ **Sharpless.**—Large, healthy plants. Berries are large, light-colored and sweet. An old standard variety, and highly recommended for the private garden.

✓ **Stevens' Late Champion.**—A good, all-round, large, late berry, that does well on a great variety of soils. A good fertilizer for Sample. If your soil is not abapted to Gandy, try this variety.

✓ **Uncle Jim.** A comparatively new berry, but one of the most profitable. Plants large and free from rust. Berry large, regular form and medium late. A good fertilizer for Bubach.

✓ **Warfield.**—A well-known standard variety, and very productive. Mid-season, medium sized, dark red, and a very choice berry for canning.

✓ **Wm. Belt.**—A standard for quality. Good bearer of medium late, large berries. Holds out well through the season.

✓ **Wilspn.**—Years ago this was the leading berry for canning, and many still call for it for that purpose. Berries are tart, medium size and firm.

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## Fall Bearing Varieties.

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**T**he fall bearing Strawberry is not a novelty, but is successfully grown by many growers. Plants are set and cultivated the same as other varieties, except that the blossoms must be pinched off till about July 10th, then they will bear ripe fruit from early fall till freezing weather. Plants bear the same year they are set out. The following year they bear in June and another crop in the fall. The quality of the fruit is excellent.

We would advise everyone to try at least a few dozen plants.

We have a limited supply of the following varieties:

### ✓ PROGRESSIVE, SUPERB and AMERICUS.

Prices:—30c per dozen; \$1.00 per 100; \$10.00 per 1,000.

# 1918 PRICE LIST

Six plants of one variety at dozen rates; 50 at hundred rates; 500 at 1,000 rates. (Per) for perfect. (Imp) for imperfect blossoms.

	By Mail Postpaid			By Express Not Paid	
	Per 12	Per 100	Per 100	Per 300	Per 1,000
✓ August Luther, Per. . . . .	\$0.25	\$0.70	\$0.60	\$1.50	\$
✓ Aroma, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Beder Wood, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Big Joe, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Bubach, Imp. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Brandywine, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Chesapeake, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Climax, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Crescent, Imp. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Corsican, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Clyde, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Charles I, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Early Ozark, Per. . . . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Gandy, (Semi-Staminate.) . .	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Glen Mary, (Semi-Staminate) -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Haverland, Imp. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Heritage, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Helen Davis, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Jessie, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Klondike, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Marshall, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Michel's Early, Per. - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	3.00
✓ Myrtle Murrell, Per. - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ New York, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Nick Ohmer, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Parson's Beauty, Per. - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Pocomoke, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ President, Imp. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Prolific, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Ridgway, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	
✓ Ryckman, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Sample, Imp. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Senator Dunlap, Per. - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	3.00
✓ Sharpless, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Stevens' Late Champion, Per.	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Uncle Jim, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Warfield, Imp. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	3.00
✓ Wm. Belt, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	4.00
✓ Wilson, Per. - - - - -	.25	.70	.60	1.50	

Please write below the name and postoffice address of such of your friends as would be likely to send away from home for Strawberry Plants.

NAME

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**ORDER SHEET**

*Write Name and Address Very Plainly*

Name of Buyer \_\_\_\_\_

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EARLY in the season I usually have everything listed in my catalogue, but later in the season I frequently run out of some of the varieties; therefore, when you order late, please state here whether I shall substitute something equally as good and as near like the variety ordered as possible, or return your money for any stock that I may be out of. Will not substitute except when necessary.

Answer . . . . .